

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

March 18, 2020

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

97-239-C/2020-106-A

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

2020-210

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 1997-239-C - Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an Intrastate Universal Service Fund (USF) (Pursuant C.F.R. §54.420 FCC) and Lifeline Biennial Audit Reports (See Also 2009-326-C);

-and-

DOCKET NO. 2020-106-A - Actions in Response to COVID-19 - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Suspending the Disconnection of All Regulated Utility Customers for Non-Payment and All Non-Payment Related Fees during the Current State of Emergency.

COMMISSION ACTION:

It has come to our attention of the necessity to suspend the requirement allowing Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carriers to drop customers for non-usage or failed re-certification. Lifeline devices provide lower income Americans and many Veterans the means to stay in touch with healthcare providers and emergency first responders along with other critical services. Therefore, I move that we suspend Lifeline ETCs from dropping those customers for 9 months or until the national emergency is lifted, whichever is earlier.

PRESIDING: RandallSESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:30 p.m.

	MOTION	YES	NO	OTHER
BELSER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ERVIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	voting via videoconference
HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	voting via videoconference
RANDALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WHITFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
WILLIAMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Absent</u> Military Leave

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RECORDED BY: J. Schmieding

